SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOP

MHC and TCR in Autoimmune Diseases

Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, Maine

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Dear Doctor McAllister:

I am organizing a two-day conference on MHC and TCR genes and their role in disease to be held in Bar Harbor, Maine, October 18-20. The purpose of this meeting is two-fold. 1) To assemble a group of individuals who are working on MHC genes and TCR genes and their role in autoimmune diseases, specifically rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes, and multiple sclerosis in both animal models and human studies to discuss the various aspects of similarities and differences. We will be especially concentrating on new immunotherapeutic protocols which are being considered for human trials such as oral tolerance, anti-CD3, anti-CD4, anti-TCR, anti-TCR peptides, and antigen peptides, etc. I think it is very critical that we have this indepth discussion before large scale human studies. 2) This meeting will be held in conjunction with the NIH Immunobiology Study Section to educate the IMB members in this very important area since they will be considering future funding for research. This meeting will hopefully update them on the current and state-of-the-art ongoing research so that they will be well informed to make decisions on funding priorities. As you can imagine this is very important not only for future research in this area but also for training grants which will be producing future scientific staff for Industry.

I request your help in conducting this meeting. As you know, NIH and NSF funding has disappeared for support of meetings these days. We have to depend on our private sector for this support. I request help from you in any form and in any quantity, large or small. We will also be willing to accept funding to support a particular speaker, particular theme, particular social function, or whatever. Finally, I sure hope you yourself will be able to attend this meeting.

Best wishes and looking forward to hearing from you.

Make donations payable to:
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Sincerely,

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